

An Ordinance of both Houses of Parliament, for the
safeguard of the Parliament, Tower and City of
London, under the Command of Serjeant Major
Generall Skippon.

WHereas upon the 12. of *January* last past (amongst other things in that Order;) It is ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, in these words : And for the better safeguard of the Tower, It is further Ordered by both Houses of Parliament, That the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, shall appoint and place a sufficient Guard about the Tower, both by Land and Water, under the Command of Serjeant Major Generall *Skippon*, Commander of the Guards of the Parliament, And that those Guards be carefull to see the former Order observed. Now whereas the said Serjeant Major having (in his great care and faithfullnesse) given his advice to the said Sheriffs, concerning what Guards he conceived to be fitting, and how the same Guards ought to have been Ordered by Water and Land, as he thought most advantageous for the said service. Whereas also the said Serjeant Major hath given his further advice and Order to divers other persons concerning the timely discovery, and preventing of any thing that might have been attempted or done contrary to the intent of the said Order of both Houses of Parliament.

And whereas the said Serjeant Major *Skippon* hath according to the trust reposed in him by the Citie of London, placed the Trained-Bands of the said Citie, at the further end of Tower-Street, and in such other places within and about the Citie, as he conceived to be most for the safety of the Citie : All and every particular of the which premisses, and whatsoever else in the same kinde, and to the same ends, that he the said Serjeant Major hath advised, or done, or shall advise or do according to the Order aforesaid, is hereby well approved off, and fully warranted by both Houses of Parliament, as being for the Reall good service of His Majesty, and the Common-wealth; as also for the safety of the Parliament and Citie : And is in all and every part thereof according to his Duty, the last Protestation, and the Laws of this Kingdom. And if any person shall arrest, or any other way trouble him for so doing, he doth break the Priviledge of Parliament, Violate the Liberty of the Subject, and is hereby declared an enemy to the Common-wealth.